

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - ESTABLISHMENT – Women Development & Child Welfare Dept. - Smt.T.Swarajya Laxmi, former Project Director, District Women and Child Development Agency, Visakhapatnam - Departmental proceedings initiated under Rule – 20 of the A.P.Civil Services [CCA] Rules– Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DISABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS [ESTT. – A2]

G.O.Rt.No. 22

Dated 23rd January, 2013

Read the following:-

1. From the Director, Women Development & Child Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.7763/Vig.1/96, dated 26-06-2007.
2. G.O.Rt.No.238, Women Development, Child Welfare [Estt.] Department, dated 10-09-2007.
3. Explanation dated 27-11-2009 submitted by Smt.T.Swarajya Lakshmi, Project Director [Retired], D.W & C.D.A., Vizianagaram.
4. From the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Letter No.7763/Vig.1/2006, dated 25-07-2012.

ORDER:-

Disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Smt.T.Swarajya Laxmi, former Project Director, District Women and Child Development Agency, Visakhapatnam in connection with purchase of 2132 Kits of IFA Tablets from M/s Talasila Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, Hyderabad incurring an amount of Rs.5,90,000/- during the financial year 2002-03 without following the procurement procedure and the following Articles of Charges were issued to her vide reference 2nd read above: -

1. That, Smt.T.Swarajya Laxmi, former Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Visakhapatnam, and Project Director, DW & CDA., Vizianagaram [now retired], while functioning as Project Director, DW & CDA., Visakhapatnam, has purchased 2132 Kits of IFA Tables from M/s. Talasila Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, Hyderabad, by spending an amount of Rs.5,90,000/- without issue of Tender Notice / Calling for quotations and by violating the procurement procedure. Thus the amount spent on IFA Tablets has become infructuous. Hence, the charge.
2. That, during the aforesaid period and while functioning in the aforesaid Office, the said Smt.T.Swarajya Laxmi, former Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Visakhapatnam and Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Vizianagaram [now retired], has purchased 2132 Kits of IFA Tablets from M/s. Talasila Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, Hyderabad, by spending an amount of Rs.5,90,000/- without mentioning the specifications of tablets, quantity to be supplied, quality of the tablets, sales tax excise duty etc., for the ICDS Projects of Visakhapatnam District and made payment to the firm through D.D.No.549882, dated 22-03-2003. She permitted the firm to supply the said IFA Tablets in bottles instead of strips and the tablets supplied are of different colors and there is no printing of the captions like "For use of WB assisted ICDS Project – II", 'Not for sale' both in English and Telugu, as required under procurement procedure. On consumption of the said tablets by the adolescent girls, they developed health problems like stomach ache, vomittings, head ache and have thrown away the balance tablets. Thus, she is responsible for deviating the purchase procedure and for causing loss to the Government exchequer. Hence, the charge.

3. That, during the aforesaid period and while functioning the aforesaid Office, the said Smt.T.Swarajya Laxmi, former Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Visakhapatnam and Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Vizianagaram [now retired] while making payment towards the purchase cost of Iron & Folic Acid Tablets 2362 Kits worth Rs.5,90,400/- to M/s. Talasila Pharmaceuticals Private Limited, Hyderabad, has not deducted the Sales Tax at source. Thus, she is responsible for causing loss to the Government Exchequer. Hence, the charge.

2. Smt.T.Swarajya Laxmi, former Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Visakhapatnam [now retired], in her explanation vide reference 2nd read above, has stated that the alleged irregularities relates to the financial year 2002-2003 and since the departmental disciplinary proceedings were initiated against her on 10-09-2007 by imputing articles of charges, the institution of departmental proceedings against her are barred by limitation as per the Rule – 9(2)(b)(ii) of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and as such it is null and void. She has therefore, requested the Government to sanction full pension and gratuity.

3. In the circumstances, Government have examined the matter and decided to conclude the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt.T.Swarajya Lakshmi, Retired Project Director, WD & C.D.A, by dropping further action against her. Accordingly further action in the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt.T.Swarajya Lakshmi, Project Director, D.W & C.D.A. (Retd), vide ref.1st read above is hereby dropped.

4. The orders issued in Para-3 above, shall however, are without prejudice to the departmental proceedings initiated by the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., against her in their file C.No.5828/Vig.1/2010.

5. The Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, is requested to take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

NILAM SAWHNEY,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Accountant – General, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.

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